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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the filing of the above-captioned patent application and prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The extracorporeal-blood treatment system of claim 1, wherein a service station remote from the ECB station calls treatment data or operation data from the ECB station via the external browser.